# REGISTER OF
# CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

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| Date of entry in Register: | 31 July 1997 |
| Name of applicant/court: | Comptroller of Customs |
| Applicant to the Labelling Body: | Not Applicable |
| Title of Publication: | Advice to a New Slave |
| Other Known Titles: | Not Stated |
| Director: | Not Applicable |
| Producer: | Not Applicable |
| Publisher: | Not Stated |
| Author: | Not Applicable |
| Format: | Leaflet |
| Country of Origin: | Not Stated |
| Language: | English |

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**Components of film originally examined:** Not Applicable.

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| Feature: | Running time: |
| Trailers: | Running time: |
| | Total Running time: |

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display conditions:

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**Either**

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept
and
That the publication must be publicly displayed only in premises, or a part of premises, set aside for the public display of restricted publications (whether or not articles other than restricted publications are also displayed in those premises or that part of those premises).

**Or**

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept
and
That the publication must not be publicly displayed in any place in which the publication is available for supply, and must be shown in that place only to persons making a direct request for the publication.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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**SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The leaflet entitled *Advice to a New Slave* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The leaflet is a set of instructions outlining the behaviour of a submissive actor in a sadomasochistic role-play. The leaflet addresses a specific audience and discusses sexual matters and degrading and demeaning behaviour. Its intended context is fantasy role-playing of adults who engage in sadomasochistic practices.

The leaflet is subject to consideration under s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 as it contains material which discusses adult sexual practices, and therefore may be likely to cause injury to the public good if made generally available. The restriction of the leaflet to adults would reduce this likelihood of injury. This consideration is a reasonable limit prescribed by law which can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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